

ISLAND OF YAP IS SOUTH OF GUAM

People Mingle Stone Age
Ideas With Many Modern
Customs.

In connection with the announcement by President Wilson that the Island of Yap may be acquired by the United States as a reparation for the sinking of the Lusitania and as a wireless or cable station, the following bulletin is issued by the National Geographic Society:

"Yap, the westernmost of the Western Caroline Islands, is situated about 500 miles southwest of Guam and 300 miles east of the Island of Mindanao of the Philippine group. It has a population of about seven thousand and was the administrative center for the Western Carolines, the Palau and the Ladrone Islands. The Germans had made plans to locate a wireless station there, but were prevented when Australian troops captured the islands in October, 1914.

Still in Stone Age.

"Yap is strangely old and strangely up-to-date. Its inhabitants are still in the stone age of progress and yet are almost the only people in the world who are in the life that seem as ultra modern as the latest socialist doctrines.

"On the Island of Yap the natives are strict prohibitionists, made so by the fact that they made Pisen and Munia famous. Children belong to the community, are frequently adopted or exchanged, and throw off parental control at an early age. Bachelor clubs closed to women dot the islands. What corresponds to the Yap dress suit cannot be bought, but is rented to the young beau who desires to shine in society. And there are no clothes all grown on trees, where anyone can secure them, the money of the island represents labor rather than any material thing. But one can better understand the meaning of the burden of wealth when one hears that a single coin of their stone money sometimes weighs hundreds of pounds.

"Yap, or Uap, when translated means the land, and is the only land that many of the islands of Yap, although many a native from this island has been driven hundreds of miles away from his home and returned without chart or compass among islands where he could not speak a word of the language used. Yap is surrounded by an atoll, but is itself of volcanic origin. The only good harbor is Tomli Bay.

No Man Becomes Jealous.

"Married and unmarried men alike belong to the club, which maintains a fine hall, or fine house, the hostess of which must be secured by force or cunning from some distant tribe. There are no women in the club, and no woman is allowed to enter. A woman who becomes jealous and the wives of the village never object to their husbands' evenings at the club. If one of the men eventually marries the hostess he sets up a new home for her, but the tattooed hands and legs which distinguished her as a mispl or "queen of the club" remain to her. The tattooed hands and legs which distinguished her as a mispl or "queen of the club" remain to her. The tattooed hands and legs which distinguished her as a mispl or "queen of the club" remain to her.

"The chief decoration of the male is a string of pink shells made into a necklace, and since no man is rich enough to own such a treasure the best ones are loaned out for such a time as the wearer may choose to be dressed in the height of fashion. As there are no buttonholes, the man may wear two bouquets in each ear—a sort of corsage bunch in a large hole in the lower lobe and a small boutonniere in a smaller hole higher up in the ear. Shell cuffs made of conchs add the finishing touch to the correct attire.

Women's Dresses Unvarying.

"Yap women do not wear the veil. Their only dress is a voluminous skirt made of leaves or fiber and composed of four or five thicknesses. Although one month is the average life of a woman's dress and it is necessary for any one to sweep up a bundle of discarded dress goods after every female gathering, the style does not change. But this voluminous skirt has little to do with the modesty or immodesty of the wearer. What corresponds to the veil of the harem beauty in Yap is a thin cord of fiber which every woman, old or young, must wear about her neck at all times.

"The large money of the island consists of millstone-like disks of limestone from Babelthup, 400 miles to the south, and one of these disks four feet in diameter is the usual price that is paid when the bachelor club abducts a new mispl. Such a piece of currency may be worth 10,000 coconuts.

"The small change of the island is made of shells, which the natives carry strung on fiber as does the Chinaman with his cash. For external trade the coconut is the common standard of exchange.

"It is not necessary that the Yap Croesus should shelter his entire 'pile' in his house. He simply lets it be known that that particular half-ton piece of money belongs to him and no one steals it. On one occasion a very fine piece of money was shipwrecked in transportation, and its owner is credited with the wealth represented in that fine bank pile which is now reposing in a safety deposit vault composed of 400 feet of ocean water. When the Germans wanted to have the roads repaired they could devise no way of fining the people until they befooled themselves of attaching some of these limestone pieces of currency, after which the roads were soon repaired."

Spain Seeks French War Material.

PARIS, August 19.—The Spanish government is sending a mission to France to buy excess war material.

COST OF PLUMB PLAN TO VIRGINIA ESTIMATED

Governor in Message States Thousands of Dollars Would Be Lost to People.

RICHMOND, Va., August 21.—In a special message to the general assembly Gov. Davis yesterday transmitted a communication received by him from the state corporation commission setting forth what would be the effect in Virginia should the Plumb plan of railroad operation be enacted into law by Congress.

Operation of the Plumb plan would take from the revenues of the state approximately \$254,000 the first year, \$446,000 the second year and \$469,000 the third year, according to the commission. At the end of ten years it was estimated that it would cost the state in taxes \$2,500,000 per annum, or approximately 25 per cent of the entire revenue of the treasury. It would cost the city of Richmond alone the greater part of \$164,689.73. These figures include besides revenues from steam railways, revenues from telegraph and telephone companies also, but these latter represent only a small fractional portion of the total. Should public ownership become a fact through an act of Congress embodying the proposed amendment, it will be necessary for the general assembly of Virginia to provide other means for the revenue for the support of the state government and the public free schools, to pay the interest on the public debt, to build roads and to provide for pensions for veterans of the war between the states, the commission members assert.

SURFETTED WITH FISH DIET.

U. S. Sailors in Mine Sweeping Get Many by Explosions.

LONDON, August 2 (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—American sailors on mine-sweeping duty in the North sea probably will not crave fish when they get back home. When mines are exploded in the process of clearing out the barrage, thousands of fish are killed. One of the little sub chasers in the fleet scooped up hundreds of pounds of them each evening when operations cease for the day and distributes them among the several vessels for food. The sailors enjoyed it for a time, but now hate the sight of a fish.

One catch included a salmon which was cruising around miles out from land. Anglers say that a salmon should not be so far from land.

Munsey Buys N. Y. Sun Building.

NEW YORK, August 21.—Frank A. Munsey, publisher of the New York Sun, has announced that he had purchased the Sun building, in which his paper is published, from the New York Life Insurance Company. The price paid was not stated. Annual rentals from the building are said to be about \$500,000 a year.

REPORT ACCUSES JAPANESE.

Chinese Give Their Official Version of Fight at Chang-Chun.

PEKING, Sunday, August 17 (by the Associated Press).—The official report of the Chinese government regarding the clash between Japanese and Chinese soldiers on July 19 at Chang-Chun, Manchuria, it is said in government circles, indicates that the Japanese provoked the trouble. There is no definite proof who fired the first shot, but the Chinese claim that the fact that Japanese soldiers with fixed bayonets and loaded rifles forced an entry into the Chinese military encampment shows that they were the aggressors.

The Chinese report says eighteen Japanese were killed and seventeen wounded, and twelve Chinese killed and fourteen wounded. One hundred Chinese soldiers are missing, but it is believed that many of them fled and fear to return.

The Japanese embassy at Washington announced that the Chinese government, as a result of the incident at Chang-Chun, had dismissed from office three leaders of the Chinese soldiers and had reprimanded the governor general of Kirin province. The statement says that the clash was provoked by the Chinese, who fired upon the Japanese.

Court Releases Fether.

CAZENOVIA, N. Y., August 21.—Donald W. Fether of Los Angeles, Calif., student at Cornell university, charged with murder in connection with the death of Miss Hazel Crance of Ithaca, in Cayuga lake, July 19, was ordered released on the ground of insufficient evidence by Supreme Court Justice Michael H. Kiley here.

HOOVER OFF TO PARIS.

Leaves Vienna After Conference With U. S. Relief Commission.

VIENNA, Monday, August 18 (by the Associated Press).—Herbert Hoover, chairman of the allied relief organization, arrived here today from Cracow, where he consulted government officials as to the food and economic situation. He was accompanied by the experts who went with him to Poland and Galicia. The party left for Paris tonight. While in Vienna Mr. Hoover saw only officers of the American relief commission, which is rapidly closing out its work in Europe.

WILL TELL OF LIVING COSTS.

Representatives of Big Interests Summoned Before Grand Jury.

LANSING, Mich., August 21.—Michigan representatives of the big interests will be subpoenaed to testify before the grand jury investigation here into living costs, unless the packers who offered their assistance reply to an invitation that they appear August 28, Attorney General Groesbeck announced.

OFFICIALS CONDEMN FISH.

Propose to Destroy 57,000 Pounds Held Year in Storage.

TRENTON, N. J., August 21.—The Barnegat Power and Cold Storage

Company and the Bay State Fish Company of Boston have been summoned before the state department of health on Friday to show cause why 57,000 pounds of fish which has been in storage for over a year should not be destroyed as unfit to eat. The fish would begin to decompose

as soon as exposed to the outer air, officials said.

Tampa, Fla.—Total sales of government food for the first day in Tampa were \$1,177.79. The purchases ranged as high as \$83.

GREEKS ROUT TURK BANDS.

SALONIKI, August 19.—Reports published in certain newspapers of serious encounters in Asia Minor between Greek troops and Turkish bands were exaggerated, according to

a statement made by Gen. Paraskevopoulos, commander-in-chief of Greek forces in Asia Minor, to the correspondent of the Balkan Journal. The commander-in-chief said the Turkish bands in that region were dispersed when sufficient Greek forces arrived.

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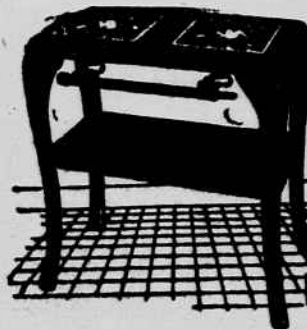
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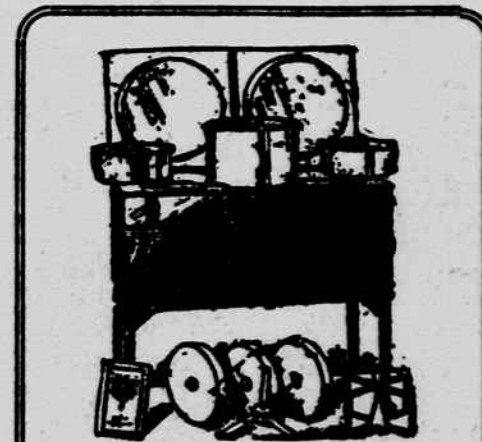
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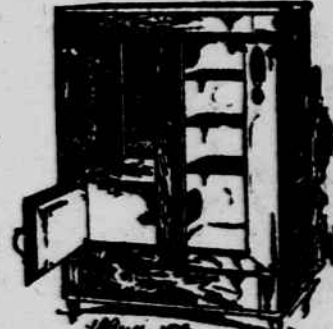
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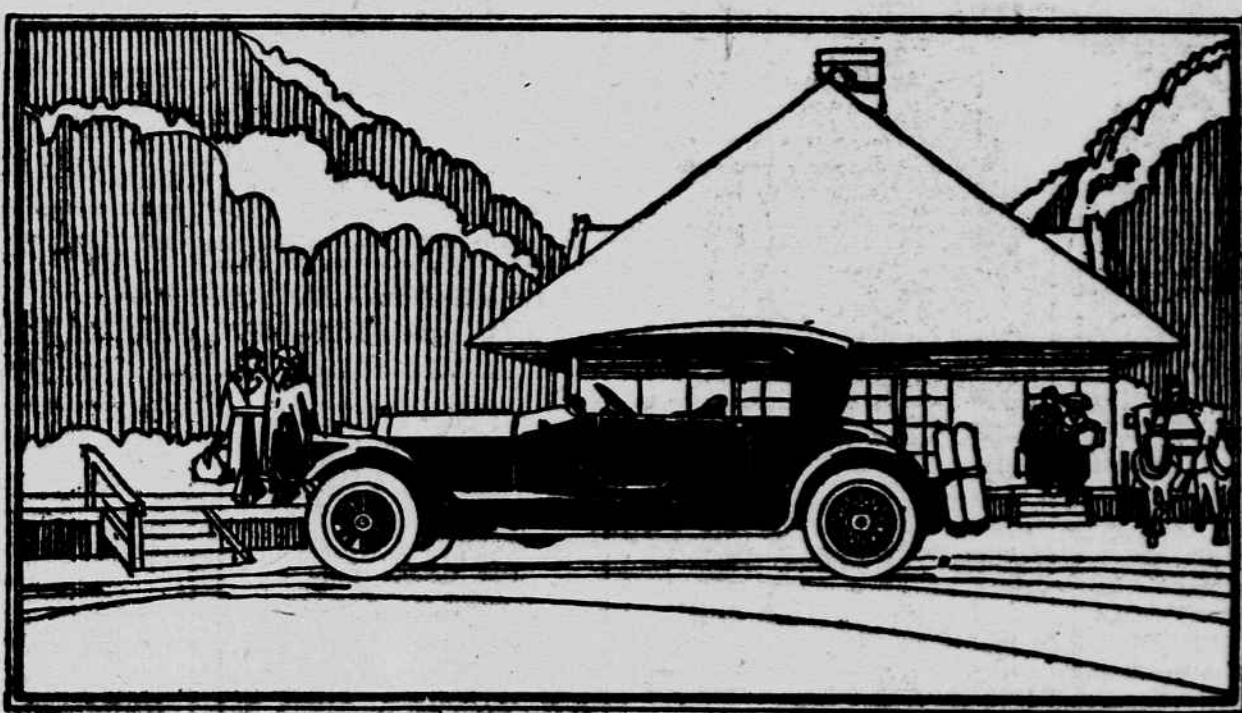
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